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West Nile Virus Found In Horses Likely Ends Year at 38 Cases

(Phoenix, AZ) -- West Nile Virus cases in Maricopa have dipped significantly this year with 38 cases in 6 counties, as compared to 109 cases in 11 counties last year. While a few additional cases may surface this year, the final WNV case found in a horse last year occurred the first week of November. The following is a list of cases this year, with the first case appearing on April 20, 2005.

- Maricopa County 13
- Apache County 2
- Yavapai County 7
- Pinal County 7
- Pima County 7
- Navajo County 2

West Nile Virus affects horses much more often than any other domestic animal. Many horses infected with West Nile Virus do not develop any illness, but of horses that become ill about one-third die or need to be euthanized. In general, other livestock and poultry do not show any illness if infected with West Nile Virus.

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